CBS MEMORANDUM

up to you

FROM: Irv Drasnin
TO: BILL LEONARD
DATE: October 1, 1975

I consider this a model of self-restraint, and I'd like to send it. But I'll leave that up to you.

*Messrs. Backe, Hoover, Leonard, O'Neill, Suhler

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FROM: Irv Drasnin (CND)
TO: JACK SAMSON cc See Below*
DATE: October 1, 1975

I take your retreat to name-calling and the use of unfounded accusations as proof that you are either unwilling or unable to deal with the facts -- either of my memo or of "The Guns of Autumn."

You can repeat the litany of false charges but that won't make them true, because they are not true. You can get your affidavits and I can get mine and considerably more than that, and we can meet on a street corner -- or anywhere else you name -- and we can throw them at one another. But, please, leave the mud at home. None of this, however, will erase the validity of "The Guns of Autumn" nor will it erase what's on the pages of Field and Stream.

You can't have it both ways. You can't endorse, promote and glorify -- month after month, year after year -- the hunting reported in "The Guns of Autumn" and then say it isn't so when it doesn't suit your purpose. You can't accuse CBS News or me personally of bias and prejudice and argue your elitist views about the Abercrombie & Fitch hunter. And, obviously, you can't argue with the facts of the broadcast and how it was done.

*Messrs. Backe, Hoover, Leonard, O'Neill, Suhler